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1. PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN OR ONGOING:
 1. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS-VE-02, INDEX NO. 1312.
FIRST SEMINAR IN MARACAIBO SUCCESSFULLY HELD (SEE CARACAS FM-21).
SECOND SEMINAR SET FOR MID MARCH.
 2. TV CO-OP ON ELECTORAL PROCESS-VE-04, INDEX NO. 1314
(SEE CARACAS 12980).
 3. ROLE OF CONGRESS IN FOREIGN POLICY-VE-08, INDEX NO. 1318.
INITIAL OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED THROUGH VISIT OF AMSEPC. RIORDAN
ROETT.(SEE CARACAS 10342, 10227) POSSIBLE SECOND ROUND PROJECTED
FOR FY 78.
 4. EDUCATION IN THE U.S.-VE-10, INDEX NO. 1320. PROJECT
BEING IMPLEMENTED.
 5. AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION. VE-11, INDEX NO. 1321. PROJECT
OBJECTIVES PARTIALLY REALIZED THROUGH VISIT OF AMSPEC DONALD
PAARLBERG. (SEE CARACAS 13812). ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY IN THIS
AREA WILL BE REALIZED VIA SPECIALIZED SEMINAR UNDER TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER SERIES, VE-02.
 6. THEATER. VE-16, INDEX NO. 1326. POST PROGRAMMED AMSPEC/
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VOLSPKR. GERALD SLAVET (SEE CARACAS 14073).

7. MUSIC. VE-18, INDEX NO. 1328. CONCERT ASPECT REALIZED UNDER EXTENSIVE SERIES OF BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS. WORKSHOPS TO BE CONTINUED IN CONTEXT OF THE NEXT SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE COURSES SCHEDULED FOR SPRING '77. CU SUPPORT HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

II. PROJECTS WITH NO CHANGES INCLUDE:

IMPLICATIONS OF THE U.S. ELECTIONS-76, VE-05, INDEX NO. 1315 AND VE-07, INDEX NO. 1316; THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM, VE-07, INDEX NO. 1317; && COMMUNICATION ARTS, VE-09, && ALL PROJECTS INVOLVING POSSIBLE IV'S ARE SUBJECT TO NEW EMBASSY PROCEDURE ON ALLOCATION OF GRANTS. TASK FORCE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES ALL MISSION ELEMENTS CHARGED WITH RECOMMENDING IV DISTRIBUTION.
INDEX NO. 1318.

III. AMENDED PROJECTS:

1. PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, VE-01, INDEX NO. 1311. WISH TO PROGRAM AMSPEC. REVISED PLANS CALL FOR SINGLE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GROUP INSTEAD OF TWO.&&

IV. PROJECTS TO BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED:

1. INTERNATIONAL TRADE, VE-03, INDEX NO. 1313. POST ACCORDS THIS PROJECT LOW PRIORITY UNTIL NEW ADMINISTRATION EXPLAINS ITS TRADE POLICY. POST CONTINUES INTERESTED IN MALMGREN FOR FY 78.

2. SOCIAL SCIENCE METHODOLOGY, VE-12, INDEX NO. 1322. POSTPONED TO FY 78.

3. URBANOLOGY, VE-13, INDEX NO. 1323. POSTPONED TO FY 78. SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR IN THIS FIELD HELD IN FY 76.

4. CURRENT TRENDS IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, VE-14, INDEX NO. 1324. POST ACCORDS HIGH PRIORITY FOR FY-78. BEGIN PLANNING IMMEDIATELY. POST WILL RELY ON STRONG CU/USIA SUPPORT.

5. LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY, VE-15, INDEX NO. 1325. DROPPED. CU HAS INDICATED NO AMSPECS WERE AVAILABLE IN THIS FIELD THIS FY. UNCLASSIFIED

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6. ADMINISTRATION OF CULTURAL PROGRAMS, VE-17, INDEX NO. 1327. POSTPONED. POST REGRETS CU CANNOT SUPPORT PROJECT.

V. PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS:

1. SEMINAR ON SCIENCE FICTION. NOW ONLY IN EARLY PLANNING STAGES, IT WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD YOUNG WRITERS IN VENEZUELA.

THIS PROJECT WOULD MAKE USE OF THE RISING INTEREST IN SCIENCE FICTION IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE OBVIOUS VENEZUELAN PRE-OCCUPATION WITH FUTUROLOGY AND PLANNING. SCIENCE FICTION WOULD BE A VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH THE POST CAN REACH AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE NATION'S OFTEN LEFTIST INTELLECTUALS. THIS PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE TWO OR THREE AMSPECS AND MIGHT BE CO-SPONSORED WITH A LOCAL AGENCY, IN WHICH CASE THERE WOULD BE POSSIBLE THIRD-COUNTRY PARTICIPATION.

2. COOPERATIVE PROJECT ON POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION VIA SATELLITE. THIS PROJECT WOULD UTILIZE THE U.S. APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE 6 TO BEAM PROGRAMS TO LOW-COST RECEIVING STATIONS WHICH WOULD BE IN DIRECT RETURN CONTACT. THE TRANSMISSION OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION WOULD BE DIRECTED TO GOV MEDICAL SCHOOLS, AND WOULD BE OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO THEM. IT WOULD ALSO BE A CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO MAKE AVAILABLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. PARTIAL FUNDING WILL BE OBTAINED FROM LOCAL SPONSORS, BUT ONE AMSPEC MAY BE NECESSARY. THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION FEASIBLE.

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